

THE STORY OF L'AIGLON

A Translation of
THE GREAT FRENCH ROMANCE

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CHAPTER I.

THE SON OF AN EMPEROR.

It is the revolution of July. The Bourbon dynasty restored to the throne of France with great trouble by the sovereigns of the Holy Alliance has just disappeared. Let us enter the old Chateau of Schonbrunn, the imperial residence of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. In a lofty chamber overlooking the terraces and gardens of the palace, beneath that celebrated platform La Gloriette, where in clear weather one can see the spires of St. Etienne, the cathedral of Vienna, a young man sits reading by the light of a lamp. The great clock of the chateau has just sounded the hour of midnight, the heavens are studded with stars, and through an open window one may hear distinctly the calls of the sentinels as they pass each other, thus keeping themselves awake. The young man, distinguished looking, pale and slender, raises his head. He is dressed in the Austrian uniform, and his brow, grave and sad, seems to indicate noble but bitter thoughts. With feverish hands he turns a pile of parchment before him, and the further he reads the more his countenance contracts and his brow darkens.

"Marengo! Wagram! Austerlitz!" he mutters in a low voice. "Waterloo!" and his head drops; a hot tear comes into his eye. At each vibration of the clock he trembles as if his heart were too big for his body and about to



Photo by Boyer, Paris.

EDMOND ROSTAND,
[Author of "L'Aiglon"]

burst, as if despite his youth his illusions had passed and he only waited for death.

Meanwhile the voices of the sentinels break in upon his meditations and rise, a melancholy appeal, in the silence of the night.

"Marengo, Wagram, Austerlitz!" what has he to do with the names of these grand battles? He is too young to have been present at any of them. His small hand could not wield the sword the handle of which, inlaid with precious stones, glittered at the head of his bed in a corner of his chamber.

He continues reading as he proceeds, casting the pages he has been reading on the floor of his chamber. But the cold night air interrupts. He rises, trembling. Who is this youth who dreams of battles and sheds tears at the remembrance of Waterloo—an Austrian officer doubtless, as his uniform would indicate, an aid-de-camp of the Emperor Francis II, chief of the Austrian dynasty in the chateau of Schonbrunn?

No. Listen:
On a beautiful morning in the year 1811 the people of Paris swarmed into the streets like a river that has burst its banks. On their faces one might see joy and anxiety. In the Tuilleries the doctors surrounded the Empress Marie Louise, awaiting her deliverance. Soon after the sounds of bronze cannon at the Invalides announced to France and to the world that an heir was born to the soldier whom fortune had crowned Caesar. He who was called the king of Rome had appeared in the world.

His infancy was much like that of other princes. His mother had a narrow character, which was not improved by the rigid etiquette of the court of Austria. He seldom saw the man-god whom, trembling, he called "father."

Then came evil days—lost battles, exile and the bitter thought, always present, that he could not give a single kiss to the dying Prometheus.

But destiny interfered.
The Eagle conquered—nailed, so to speak, to the barren rocks of southern solitudes—had spent his last days hoping for a great destiny for his son, whom he was destined never to see again.

As a bird that the wind has blown from its nest and that a laborer finds and gives to his children for a toy, the Eagle fell to the earth when the Eagle was carried away and concealed his grief and aspirations in the chateau of Schonbrunn, where he spent many weary days with the old man, the Emperor Francis II, his grandfather, and

Prince Metternich, prime minister of Austria.

It is The Eagle whom we have just seen, dressed in the Austrian uniform, looking over the bulletin of the Grand Army, trembling at the account of his father's victories and shedding a tear at the remembrance of Waterloo.

CHAPTER II. THE VIOLETS.

On the morning following that when we saw the son of Napoleon, to whom his grandfather had given the title of Duke of Reichstadt, reading feverishly the bulletins of the Grand Army and regretting with tears the inaction to which he was doomed, the prince descended into the garden and, crossing the white marble terraces, entered the park where stood the cottage of the chief gardener.

In this modest lodge in the midst of flowers lived an old soldier of the imperial wars who had been badly wounded at Waterloo. Old Silvere lived moderately on his pension of the grenadier guard and his pay as chief gardener at Schonbrunn. A founding discovered on the steps of the Church of St. Sulpice, picked up by a flower girl, at the death of his mother by adoption, he went at the sound of the drum to campaign through Europe, receiving numerous blows and returning them with usury. The emperor, who admired brave men, had noticed him, and when the king of Rome, in his baby carriage, went for his daily airing on the terrace of the Tuilleries the couriers were surprised to see in the midst of the dames of honor a sergeant of grenadiers on whose breast glittered the star of the brave. It was Silvere, whom the emperor had attached to the person of his son.

The devotion of this humble survivor had survived all misfortunes, and, while generals loaded with honors and riches had forgotten the man who had raised them from nothing in order that they might make their peace with new rulers, the old soldier followed his young master and in spite of the opposition of Metternich obtained the appointment of chief gardener of Schonbrunn.

When the prince arrived at the bridge which separated the road from the garden where Silvere cultivated his roses, he saw the old soldier walking in his little domain in company with a young girl whom he had never seen before. Dark, slender, graceful, so ideal of beauty, the unknown, as she walked, stooped toward the roses to breathe their delicious perfume. At sight of the prince a flush which suffused her cheek made her still more attractive.

"Monsieur," said Silvere, uncovering his white head, "will your highness allow me to present Colette, my adopted daughter, who, having finished her studies, has come to relieve my solitude? She is the daughter of one of my comrades killed at my side, and I have supplied the place of father to her. The emperor, recognizing the bravery of her father, permitted her to enter the Academy of St. Denis, and her teachers, at last not being able to instruct her further, wished to find a husband for her. But her heart followed the old soldier, and, learning of my loneliness, she has come to console me."

The prince bowed respectfully to the young girl.

"You come from France, mademoiselle," he said, sighing—"perhaps from Paris, where I was born. You should be happy, for you may return there, may breathe again the air of that land from which I have been exiled."

Colette advanced a step toward him and, modestly opening her corsage, drew a letter and a small bunch of violets which exhaled a sweet perfume, although faded.

"Monsieur," said she, "will your imperial highness permit me to offer you these flowers? When about to quit my country, that Paris of which you have just spoken, I went to bid adieu to the devoted women who watched over my young years. The principal of the school left me for a moment to gather some flowers from the garden of St. Denis and, knowing well where I was going, gave them to me with this letter, saying to me, 'They are for an exile, and when you meet him tell him that he is not forgotten and that these flowers of France and the letter bear evidence that he is not forgotten.'"

Silvere brusquely broke off the interview, for his eyes, in spite of his years, were sufficiently acute to see that Prince Metternich was looking at him from an open window of the chateau and seemed not to have lost any detail of the scene which had passed.

[Continued next week]

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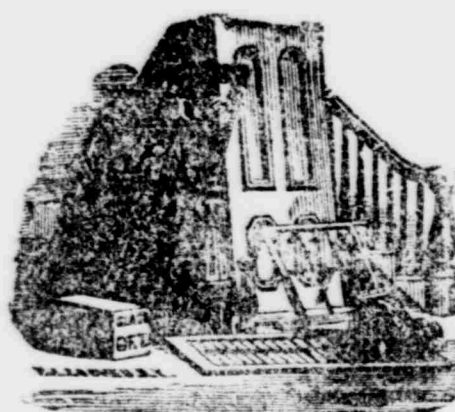
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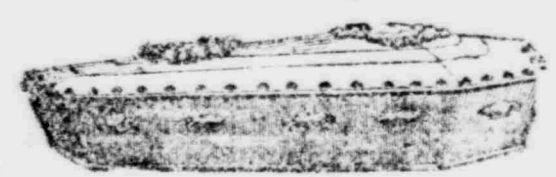


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TAX DEED NOTICE

WHEREAS, HATTIE M. HESS HAS PRESENTED to me tax certificate No. 125, sale of October 3, 1898, covering the following land in Marion county, Florida, to-wit: Southwest quarter of southwest quarter and south three-fourths of northwest quarter of southwest quarter, section 3, and northeast quarter of southeast quarter, and north half of southeast quarter of southeast quarter, and west half of southeast quarter, section 4, all in township 15, south, range 25, east, and upon said certificate has demanded from me a tax deed.

Therefore, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, unless redeemed, it is my intention to issue a tax deed to the said lands.

Dated December 20, 1900.
(Seal) S. T. SISTRUNK,
Clerk Circuit Court.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTORS and all persons having claims or demands against the estate of Dr. S. Potts Eagleton, deceased, are notified to present them to the undersigned within one year after the first publication of this notice. This notice is given in pursuance of law under authority of letters testamentary granted by the County Judge of Marion county, Florida.

MARY BADGER EAGLETON,
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MASTER'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Marion County—
In Chancery.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of above court rendered on the 10th day of December, 1900, by the Hon. W. A. Hocker, the Judge of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Marion county, in chancery sitting, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein CHARLES M. BROWN is complainant, and RENE R. SNOWDEN and others are defendants, the undersigned as special master in chancery in said cause named and appointed to complete the execution of the said final decree rendered therein, I will, during the legal hours of sale on

Monday, February 11th, A. D. 1901, in front of the south door of the court house in Ocala, Florida, offer for sale and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash that part of the mortgaged property therein mentioned and described, as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of block 46 Old Survey of Ocala, running thence east 50 feet, thence south 100 feet, thence west 50 feet, thence north 100 feet to the point of beginning, the same being situated in Marion county, Florida.

T. E. BIGGS,
Special Master.

Anderson & Hocker for Complainant. 12-28

SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A FINAL decree rendered on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1900, by the Hon. W. A. Hocker, the Judge of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Marion County, in chancery, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Louis McLain is complainant and Walter E. Dicken and wife, Annie H. Dicken, are defendants, the undersigned as special master, named and appointed in said final decree to execute the same, will, on

Monday, the 14th day of February, A. D., 1901,

during the legal hours of sale, in front of the south door of the court house in Ocala, Marion county, Florida, offer for sale and will sell at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the mortgaged premises mentioned and described therein, to-wit: Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 25, in township 15, south, range 25, east, on so much of said premises as may be necessary to realize a sum sufficient to satisfy said decree and costs.

T. E. BIGGS,
Special Master in Chancery.

TAX DEED NOTICE

WHEREAS, W. G. MEGGS HAS PRESENTED to me tax certificates Nos. 24 and 29, sale of October 3, 1898, and 37, sale of April 4, 1898, covering the following land in Marion county, Florida, to-wit: North half of southwest quarter, section 35, township 11, south, range 25, east, and northwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 30, township 11, south, range 24, east, and upon said certificates has demanded from me a tax deed.

Therefore, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, unless redeemed, it is my intention to issue a tax deed to the said lands.

Dated January 1, 1901.
(Seal) S. T. SISTRUNK,
Clerk Circuit Court.

TAX DEED NOTICE.

WHEREAS, J. H. MORTEN HAS PRESENTED to me tax certificate No. 1664, sale of October 3, 1898, covering the following land in Marion county, Florida, to-wit: North east quarter of southeast quarter section 25 township 15 south, range 25 east, and upon said certificate has demanded from me a tax deed.

Therefore, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, unless redeemed, it is my intention to issue a tax deed to the said lands.

Dated December 20, 1900.
(Seal) S. T. SISTRUNK,
Clerk Circuit Court.

SUB-DISTRICT SCHOOL ELECTION

We the undersigned citizens and tax payers of the Oak Hill school district will, on the 1st Monday in February, 1901, ask the Board of Public Instructions to call an election to create a special Tax School District, to be known as the Oak Hill special Tax School District, and boundaries as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of section 2, township 13, south, range 20, east, thence running south to the northeast corner of section 1, township 13, south, range 20, east, thence west to the southeast corner of section 1, township 13, south, range 20, east, thence north to the southeast corner of section 2, township 13, south, range 20, east, thence west to the southeast corner of section 1, township 13, south, range 20, east, thence north to the northwest corner of section 1, township 13, south, range 20, east, thence east to the northeast corner of section 2, township 13, south, range 20, east, to point of beginning.

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JOSH DANTZLER,
H. W. NEITLES,
J. J. THOMPSON.

Tax Assessor's Notice.
I will be at the following places on the day and date stated below, to receive returns of real and personal property, as the law requires:

JANUARY, 1901.

Santos, Monday, 21, p. m.
Bellevue, Tuesday, 22.
Pedro, Wednesday, 23, a. m.
Summerfield, Wednesday, 23, p. m.
Lyke Weir, Quick's store Thursday, 24, a. m.
Candler, Thursday, 24, p. m.
Kendrick, Friday, 25, p. m.
Martin Saturday 26, a. m.
Lowell, Saturday, 26, p. m.
Shady Grove, Monday, 28, p. m.
Weir Park, Tuesday, 29, a. m.
East Lake, Tuesday, 29, p. m.
Weirsdale, Wednesday, 30, a. m.
W. Linadale, Drayds's, Thursday, 31, a. m.
E. Linadale, Thursday, 31, p. m.

FEBRUARY, 1901.

Moss Bluff, Friday 1, p. m.
Electra, Saturday, 2, a. m.
Lynne, Hick's store, Saturday, 2, p. m.
Grahamville, Monday, 4, a. m.
Connor, Monday, 4, p. m.
Salt Springs, Tuesday, 5, p. m.
Kerr City, Wednesday, 6, a. m.
Eureka, Wednesday, 6, p. m.
Daisy, Thursday, 7, a. m.
Fort McCoy, Thursday, 7, p. m.
Orange Springs, Friday, 8, p. m.
Citra, Tuesday, 12, p. m.
Greenwood, Wednesday, 13, a. m.
Sparr, Wednesday, 13, p. m.
Anthony, Thursday, 14.
Reddick, Friday, 15, a. m.
Fairfield, Friday, 15, p. m.
Flemington, Saturday, 16.
Central, Monday, 18, a. m.
McIntosh, Tuesday, 19.
Elmwood, Wednesday, 20, p. m.
Blitchton, Thursday, 21.
Cotton Plant, Friday, 22.
Mariel, Saturday, 23.
Heldsville, Monday, 25.
Dunnellon, Tuesday, 26.
Juliette, Wednesday, 27, a. m.
Back Pond, Wednesday, 27, p. m.
Romeo, Thursday, 28, a. m.
Ocala, from 4 to 9 of March.

ALFRED AVER,
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